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Mr. Gary Miller
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RE: **SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS, Harris County, Texas, EPA Region 6**
EPA ID# TXN000606611, Site ID: 0606611

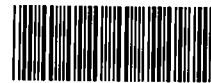
Dear Gary,

Harris County is very concerned that enough time will not be afforded to review the San Jacinto River Superfund Site Draft Feasibility Study to those participating on the Technical Review Committee.

As you know, the TCRA for the site included the placement of a rock cover over the site to slow down the flood of dioxin that was entering the San Jacinto River. In July of 2012 the EPA was notified of a failure in that cover and while the damaged cap is reported to have been addressed, an investigation into the adequacy of the design and construction of that cap by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has just now been concluded. Their report has not been released yet but the deadline for the review committee comments on the Draft Feasibility Study is October 11th, and because the cap is an essential part of the remedy being promoted by the RPs, additional time is needed to consider the report in our review.

Harris County respectfully requests that you grant an additional two weeks to the members of the Committee to submit comments on the Draft Study after the USACE report is made available to us. The emphasis placed on the cap in the study as a final remedy is substantial, and while Harris County disagrees that it should be an integral part of the remedy, the findings in the USACE report are critical to our review to insure that the final remedy will be protective of the public health and safety and the environment.

Very truly yours,



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